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SPACE
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has secured an order from the European Union to launch a satellite;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the profit likely to be accrued to ISRO after the completion of the project?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER`S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN):

(a) Antrix Corporation Limited which is a commercial arm of Department of Space has concluded a contract with COSMOS International Satellitenstart GmbH, Germany, for launch of a European satellite.

(b)&(c) The contract involves provision of launch of a scientific satellite called `AGILE` weighing about 320 kg into a nominal 550 km near equatorial orbit during May 2005. The above launch service, when successfully carried out, will be a major international launch for PSLV at internationally competitive price.